

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, preventing workplace injury and illness should always be a priority in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, teens at work are twice as likely to be injured as adults; and

WHEREAS, many Washington teens will start jobs this summer unaware of labor laws designed to protect them from potential on-the-job hazards; and

WHEREAS, young workers need special attention and protections in the workplace and they will be safer if employers follow the rules for employing teens, make a special effort to address any health and safety hazards that may exist, and treat young workers with the same care they want for their own children; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness and education will create safer work experiences for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Industries will reach out to teens, parents, employers, and the general public in a teen safety education campaign in May;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as

Safe Jobs for Youth Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 27th day of April, 2006

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

